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20 March 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Principals of the USIB Ad Hoc Coordinating Group on Congressional Reviews

SUBJECT : Seventh Meeting, 14 March 1975, of the USIB Ad Hoc Group on Congressional Reviews of the Intelligence Community

1. The Ad Hoc Group met at 1015 hours in the DCI Conference Room, CIA Headquarters. In addition to the member attendees, Mr. William Colby, Director of Central Intelligence, Mr. Laurence H. Silberman, Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Philip W. Buchen, Counsel to the President, Mr. Thomas K. Latimer, Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, and Mr. Martin R. Hoffman, General Counsel, Department of Defense, attended today's session.*

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2. [] solicited changes to the minutes of the 7 March 1975 meeting, and submitted the following: Paragraph 4, last line, change "Select Committees" to "Standing Committees." The minutes were approved as amended.

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3. [] reaffirmed the DCI's stated interest in Ad Hoc Members ensuring that their principals are kept currently apprised of all activities of the Ad Hoc Group.

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4. Mr. Collins, Treasury representative, raised the issue of OMB activity in response to a Senate Budget Committee member's request for budgetary data of intelligence agencies. To date there has been no formal request to agencies for submission of material. Mr. Collins agreed to inform [] if this formal request is levied. Mr. Cary, CIA Legislative Counsel, inquired about the tie-in of the Budget Committee's interests with those of the Appropriations Committees. Reportedly OMB is urging coordination of these Committees. Mr. Latimer reported the DOD policy of furnishing requested material and advising its Appropriations Committees of this action.

* See list of attendees attached.

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5. [] introduced the subject of requests under the Freedom of Information Act, indicating the Ad Hoc Group can serve as a forum for sharing problems of common interest. He reported that those requests received by CIA to date dealt primarily with Agency matters, and less than 5% addressed subjects of a cross-agency nature. Ad Hoc Members reported briefly on their Agencies' experiences.

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6. [] distributed the following papers to the Group:

a. 12 March 1975 Employee Bulletin; Subject: Senate Select Committee to Review U.S. Intelligence Activities with accompanying letter to Senator Church, dated 11 March 1975.

b. 12 March 1975 letter to Director of Central Intelligence from the Chairman of the Senate Select Committee expressing appreciation for the cooperative response to the Committee's mandate.

c. 13 March 1975 letter to Senate Select Committee Staff Director signed by [] outlining procedures for personnel clearances.

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d. Draft paper on proposed organizational arrangements of the Senate Select Committee.

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[] announced that security arrangements with the Committee are well in hand and that Mr. Benjamin Marshall has been selected as Security Officer by the Committee. Mr. Kane, CIA Director of Security, reported on the Committee's physical arrangements and that the Committee is working toward a tightly-controlled operation including containing all documents within the Committee area, and a survey of documents at the termination of Committee deliberations.

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7. [] reported his arrangement for a discussion this afternoon with a representative of the House Select Committee, to deal with similar matters although no permanent Staff Director for this Group has been named.

8. Mr. Knoche, Assistant to the DCI for Presidential Commission Review, reported briefly on CIA's experience in this connection. [], representing CIA, reflected that presence in the building has not proved synonymous with depth of probe. The question of abiding by

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the Third Agency Rule under these circumstances was raised, and the policy as expressed in Minutes of the 7 March meeting of the Ad Hoc Group was reaffirmed.

25X1A Passage of the 1966 Agreement between the CIA and FBI to the Commission was approved by Mr. Silberman. Responding to Mr. Cregar's question on whether all papers furnished to the President's Commission would be available to the Congressional Committees, [] indicated this question would be addressed in an Executive Session of the Group to follow immediately the present meeting.

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c. Overview of CIA Resources Devoted to U.S. Activities.

d. CIA Organizational History in Brief

(For the present time these papers are available for members' review in the Ad Hoc Staff.) [] advised the Group that CIA budgetary data requested by the Committee will reflect transfers from other agencies, and restated the Committee's interest in ensuring that monies were expended for the purposes for which they were appropriated.

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10. In response to Mr. Silberman's inquiry about present arrangements for centralizing and relating agencies' responses to Congressional queries and requests under FOIA, the following were reported:

Treasury: Mr. Edward C. Schmults
Under Secretary of the Treasury

ERDA: General Edward B. Giller
Deputy Assistant Administrator
for National Security

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FBI: Mr. John Mintz
Assistant Director

DOD: Mr. Thomas K. Latimer
The Special Assistant to the Secretary
and Deputy Secretary of Defense

State: Mr. William G. Hyland
Director of Intelligence and Research

Mr. Colby inquired whether the FBI officer represented Department of Justice as well, and Mr. Wilderotter reported that this activity was being coordinated with Department of Justice as appropriate.

25X1A 11. Mr. Buchen expressed the desirability of formalizing centralized procedures for the submission of all responses to the Select Committee's inquiries. Mr. Colby reaffirmed [] responsibilities to him in these matters.

12. The meeting adjourned at 1110 hours to Executive Session. The Executive Session addressed the matter of drawing up ground rules for central index and special issues growing out of Senate Committee's request to CIA.



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